IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 3 of the English language translation of the specification, please amend the first heading of the specification to appear as follows:

~~Description~~ Background

On page 3 of the English language translation of the specification, please add a heading between the third and fourth full paragraphs to appear as follows:

Summary Of The Invention

On page 3 and continuing on page 4 of the English Language translation of the specification, please amend the fourth full paragraph of the specification to appear as follows:

It is therefore ~~the~~ an object of the present invention, to ~~propose~~ provide an improved process of producing inner profiles, which process ensures an improvement in the degree of filling of a mould and which makes higher profile heights safe for production.

On page 4 of the English Language translation of the specification, please amend the first full paragraph of the specification to appear as follows:

The ~~objective is achieved by a~~ process of producing an inner profile in a tube or hollow profile ~~with the following characteristics~~ includes: inserting the tube or hollow profile into a supporting sleeve, with a first tube end being axially supported; placing a pressure-loaded annular die on to the other tube end; pressing a forming die with an outer profile into the tube or hollow profile from the latter tube end for producing the inner profile ~~(18)~~; and allowing the return of the annular die under a pressure load in the opposite direction of that of pressing in the forming die.

On page 5 of the English Language translation of the specification, please amend the first full paragraph of the specification to appear as follows:

More particularly, as the return path increases, the pressure load on the annular die is reduced to such an extent that the sum of the forces resulting from the integrated wall friction between the tube or hollow profile and the supporting sleeve in the region of deformation on the one hand and the pressure load on the annular die on the other hand remains approximately constant. This means that uniform pressure conditions are generated in the respective region of deformation along the entire profile length, which pressure conditions can be ~~optimised~~ optimized.

On page 5 of the English Language translation of the specification, please amend the second full paragraph of the specification to appear as follows:

In ~~a preferred~~ another embodiment, the process of producing inner profiles is used for producing splined shaft profiles which are suitable for producing torque transmitting plug-in connections between an inner and an outer splined shaft profile.

On page 5 of the English language translation of the specification, please add a heading between the third and fourth full paragraph to appear as follows:

Brief Description Of The Drawings

On page 6 of the English language translation of the specification, please add a heading between the third and fourth full paragraph to appear as follows:

Detailed Description

On page 6 of the English Language translation of the specification, please amend the sixth full paragraph of the specification to appear as follows:

In Figure 3, the profiled die 15, for the purpose of producing an inner profile 18, has already been partially pressed into the tube 11 from the second tube end 20. In this example, the inner profile 18 is a splined shaft profile. Other profiles are contemplated including a ball track profile for a plunging shaft unit. By proceeding in this way, the front end of the annular die 16 is in contact with the end face of the second tube end 20

from the start. Because of the backward extrusion of the profiled portion, the length of the tube 11 has already increased.